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Applicant claims small entity status.

Enclosed in response to the **NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)**, mailed 11/04/2004, please find

- (1) **PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE;**
- (2) three sheets formal drawings;
- (3) our check in payment of the fee for the extension of time requested in the **REMARKS** section herein; and
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This **RESPONSE** contains a separate **REMARKS** section on the following page(s).

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REMARKS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of four months, to and including December 8, 2004, to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated 06/08/2004. The fee for a four month extension of time is \$765. Previously applicant requested a three month extension of time to respond to the Notice to file Missing Parts and paid the associated extension fee of \$490.00. Thus the balance due for the additional one month extension of time is \$765 - \$490 = \$275. Enclosed is our check for \$275 in payment of the additional fee. Please charge any deficiency to our deposit account, 04-0039 (ref. 505961).

ENTRY OF DRAWINGS

The as-filed drawings includes several figures which are photographs, including objected-to Figures 2 and 4. Figures 2 and 4 include light-colored molded cuffs; the Office objections are believed to be directed to these cuffs. In the formal drawings the photographs of as-filed Figures 2 and 4 are replaced by equivalent drawn Figures 2 and 4. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested; acceptance and entry of the enclosed formal drawings is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/27/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/08/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper, which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e)). See Figure(s) 2,4.

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